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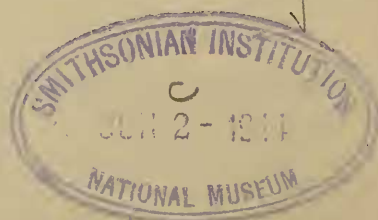
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DECLARATION 8.

ON THE NEED FOR GIVING IN THE CASE OF ZOOLOGICAL JOURNALS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF EACH NUMBER OR PART.

DECLARATION.—In view of the importance of knowing the exact date of publication of names and of the difficulty of establishing this date in certain publications, zoological journals are requested either to give on the first page of each number the actual date of publication or to give on the last page of each volume a statement as to the dates of publication of the separate numbers or parts.

At their Session held at Budapest in September 1927 during the Tenth International Congress of Zoology, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature recalled that at their Session held at Monaco in 1913 they had given preliminary consideration to the question of the confusion resulting from uncertainty regarding the dates of publication of new zoological names. The resolution on this subject adopted by the Commission at their Monaco Session ¹ gave a clear indication to editors and authors of the action which should be taken in the case of separate works and of successive editions of such works. It gave no guidance, however, to the editors of zoological journals on the question of the dating of the numbers or parts in which those journals were published. This was a matter of considerable importance especially where there were considerable intervals between the issue of the numbers constituting a single volume.

2. The Commission had not been able for various causes to deal with these questions on the lines discussed in their report to the Monaco Congress, namely by formulating an amendment to the Code for consideration by the present (Tenth) International Congress. The *Declaration* adopted by the Commission at Monaco ¹ had largely succeeded in its purpose, so far as separate works were concerned; and it appeared now to the Commission that the needs of the case would be met at least for the time being if they were on this occasion to adopt a formal *Declaration* dealing with the dating of parts of journals. The Commission accordingly

¹ See *Declaration* 3.

agreed to include a formal *Declaration* on this subject in their report to the Tenth International Congress of Zoology.

3. The passage on this subject in the Commission's report, which is set out in paragraphs 111 and 112 of that document, reads as follows :—

111. *Date of publication.*—In view of the importance of knowing the exact date of publication of names and of the difficulty of establishing this date in certain publications :

112. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the Secretary request zoological journals either to give on the first page of each number the actual date of publication, or to give on the last page of each volume a statement as to the dates of the separate numbers or parts.

4. The report of the Commission containing the foregoing paragraphs was approved by the Section on Nomenclature at its joint meeting with the International Commission held at Budapest on 8th September 1927, against three dissenting votes. The *Comptes Rendus* of the Congress record that the discussion on the report was directed mainly to the amendment of Article 25 of the Code recommended in paragraphs 98 to 104 of that document. It may be concluded therefore that the dissenting votes were directed to that portion of the Commission's report and not to the paragraphs quoted in paragraph 3 above. The report was thereupon submitted to the Tenth International Congress of Zoology by whom it was approved at the Concilium Plenum held at Budapest on 10th September 1927, the last day of the Congress.

5. The present *Declaration* was concurred in by the sixteen (16) Commissioners and Alternates² present at the Budapest Session of the International Commission, namely :—

Commissioners :—Apstein ; Bather ; Handlirsch ; Hartert ; Horváth ; Jordan (K.) ; Lönnberg ; Stejneger ; and Stiles.
 Alternates :—Rothschild *vice* Chapman ; Goto *vice* Ishikawa ; Howard *vice* Jordan (D. S.) ; Hedicke *vice* Kolbe ; Muesebeck *vice* Stone ; Mortensen *vice* Neveu-Lemaire ; and Enriques *vice* Monticelli.

6. The following two (2) Commissioners, who were neither present at the Budapest Session nor represented thereat by Alternates did not vote on the present *Declaration* :—

Dabbene ; and Warren.

² At the Budapest and all subsequent Sessions of the International Commission Alternates were accorded full voting rights.

CERTIFICATE :

I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, hereby CERTIFY that the present *Declaration* has been compiled from the records of the Proceedings of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at their Session held at Budapest in September 1927 during the Tenth International Congress of Zoology.

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